



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKEUCHI, Masaki et al.

Examiner: VINCENT Sean E.

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Title: SILICA GLASS SUBSTRATES AND THEIR SELECTION

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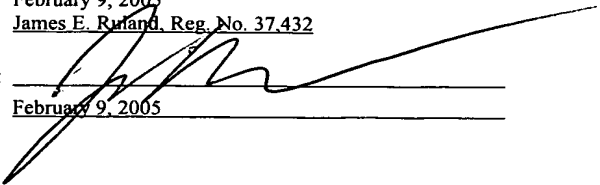
In response to the Office action dated 09 September 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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